

Prayer and Worship Commission Meeting

July 15, 2026

Those present: Katie Fabricius, Harry Schneider, Althea Burrier, Martha Endejan, Michael Milam (visiting seminarian), Fr. Nicholas Waddell

Excused: David Ransom, Mike Immel, Dawn Meyer, Judy Pollard, Maggie Meyer, Mary Ketterhagen, Chrissy Butzen

Fr. Waddell opened the meeting with prayer at 12:00pm.

Introductions were made by all present.

Looking Back:

1. What do you appreciate about serving on this committee?
 - a. A question was raised as to what the exact purpose of this commission is.
 - b. Being able to assist with the spiritual growth of the parish
2. What traditions or practices have been especially meaningful?
 - a. Advent and Lenten seasons
 - i. Living Nativity
 - ii. Tenebrae
 - b. Advent and Lenten Priest talks
 - c. Other speakers brought in
 - d. Beautiful environments during the different seasons
 - e. Adoration
3. What strengths does our parish have in its liturgical life?
 - a. Very strong and active Hispanic community
 - b. Announcements prior to Mass and quiet time to prepare for Mass
 - c. Consistency of Priests at each worship site
 - d. Each worship site has its own identity

e. A generous community

Looking forward:

4. Are there accomplishments from recent years that we should continue to build on?
 - a. Adoration committee looking to add more hours – work toward perpetual adoration
 - b. Continue education on the use of Latin during Mass and teaching chant settings which would allow the Hispanic and Anglo communities to worship together more often.
 - i. “Let’s Sing With the Pope” video tutorials
 - c. Enhancing the sense of Sacred with the use of silence, particularly following Communion.
5. What opportunities are you seeking?
 - a. Education: What is Liturgy? What is important during each part of the Mass? Why Latin? Why Incense? Consecration facing the people or ad orientum? Multi-modal educational approach is needed.
 - b. Revival of small-t traditions to enhance faith development/ education opportunities.
 - i. Those we do already: First Friday/First Saturday. Holy hours are dedicated to Purity, Vocations. Tenebrae. Living Nativity. Letters from Pastor and Priest team in the bulletin for upcoming Feasts or seasons. Corpus Christi Procession. Rosary Procession. Advent and Lenten Priest talks. Blessing of cemeteries for All Souls Day. Dias de Los Muertos celebration in the Hispanic community. Blessing of pets for the Feast of St Francis. Blessing of Baskets for Easter.
 - ii. For future consideration: Dedication of Holy Hours for the 250 Anniversary of the US (recommendation from USCCB). A Lessons and Carols program the year opposite the Living Nativity (this could combine choirs if time is given for rehearsal). Solemn vespers for other Holy Day or Feasts.

6. The meeting was closed with prayer at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Martha Endejan